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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Serial No:	10/091,849
Filed:	March 6, 2002
Confirmation No.:	8604
Applicant:	Stever T. Boyce
Title:	APPARATUS FOR PREPARING A BIOCOMPATIBLE MATRIX
Art Unit:	3784
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February 6, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir,

**ELECTION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action mailed January 9, 2004 in the  
above-referenced application, applicant elects with traverse Group I. Applicant  
notes that claims 40-42, drawn to an apparatus, have been erroneously listed  
with Group II method claim e. Applicant thus respectfully requests that the  
Election include claims 1-8, 11, 18-28, 33-34, and 40-42.

As requested by the Examiner, applicant elects species B, as  
depicted in figure 1D.

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